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City of Montebello

California Voting Rights Act Public Hearing #2

November 13, 2021

California Voting Rights Act (“CVRA”)

- CVRA was enacted in 2001 to implement constitutional guarantees of equal protection and the right to vote.
- Under the CVRA, an “at-large method of election may not be imposed if it impairs the ability of a protected class to elect candidates of its choice or its ability to influence the outcome of an election, as a result of the dilution or abridgment of the rights of voters who are members of a protected class.”
- A “protected class” means a “class of voters who are members of a race, color, or language minority group.”



California Voting Rights Act (“CVRA”)

- A violation of the CVRA will result if “racially polarized voting occurs in elections for members of the governing body of the political subdivision.”
- “Racially polarized voting” means voting in which “there is a difference in the choice of candidates that are preferred by voters in a protected class, and in the choice of candidates that are preferred by voters in the rest of the electorate.”
- A City is authorized to adopt an ordinance establishing district-based elections to comply with the CVRA “without being required to submit the ordinance to the voters for approval.”

Montebello's Current Election Process

- Since the City's incorporation in 1920 to present day, the City Council of the City of Montebello has been elected by an **at-large** election process.
- An "at-large" election process is one in which the voters of the entire City vote for and elect the members of the City Council. This means that candidates can reside anywhere in the City and voters may vote for any candidate on the ballot.

What Steps the City Has Taken

- **March 15, 2021:**
 - The City of Montebello (“City”) received a Notice of Possible Violation of the California Voting Rights Act (“CVRA”) letter from attorney Scott J. Rafferty (“Rafferty”), on behalf of his clients, demanding that City transition to a district-based elections process or face a possible lawsuit.
- **May 26, 2021:**
 - City Council adopted a Resolution of Intention to formally express the City’s intent to transition from an at-large election process to a by-district election process.

What Steps the City Has Taken

- June 23, 2021:
 - The City Attorney's office held an Orientation Presentation during the City Council meeting to inform the public of the letter from Rafferty as well as to explain what the CVRA was and what changes may come to the City.
- October 13, 2021:
 - The City of Montebello held its first public hearing to engage the public and receive input from the residents regarding district map composition.

What Steps the City Has Taken

- **Today:**
 - This event is the second public hearing for the transition process from an at-large election process to a by-district election process.
 - A presentation will be given by the City's Demographer, Claudio Gallegos from ARDA Demographics, to explain in further detail what it means to transition to a district election process, how the mapping process works, and how Montebello residents can become involved in that mapping process.
 - At this public hearing, we hope to receive input and comment from the residents of Montebello relating to the creation of districts within the City.

Next Steps

- **Map Drawing Tool Release on City Website**
 - November 19, 2021
- **Additional Public Hearings & Publication of Draft Maps**
 - January 2022 – February 2022
- **Consideration of Ordinance Establishing Districts**
 - To be scheduled after today's public hearing
- **Adopt Final District Map**
 - No later than March 9, 2022
- **Implement Districts in Next General Election**
 - November 8, 2022



For More Information...

Please visit the City's website for more information relating to the City's district election transition process and how you can be involved:

www.cityofmontebello.com

- Departments
- Administration
- District-Elections



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